



RANGITOTO COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER

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Hello

Welcome to all of our new students this year and welcome back to our returning students from all over the world.

It is hard to believe that we are now at the start of term 2 and have just welcomed another 8 new students.

Unfortunately we have just farewelled around 20 of our international students. We wish you well with your future and hope you enjoyed your time at Rangitoto College!

Just a reminder that all international students in years 11, 12 & 13 will be required to be registered for NCEA. Students who are still here at the end of the year will need to sit the NCEA exams for the subjects they have studied. This way all international students will be able to go home after studying at Rangitoto College with a NCEA certificate (if achieved) and a Record of Learning. The cost for registering for NCEA is \$375.00.

Also a reminder that international students are not allowed to take time off school during the term to travel home. We expect students who do travel home in the holidays to be back in time for the start of the school term.

It has been a busy start to 2010. Robbie has already been to South America marketing and is currently in Melbourne at an Agent Workshop. She has a trip to Hong Kong, Taiwan and China planned for next month and then Lynda will be travelling to Thailand and Vietnam in June.

When overseas, it is very special to be able to meet the families of both existing and ex students. It really helps us to understand the different cultures when we talk to the families, and visit their schools and homes.

Enjoy your time at Rangitoto, make the most of your experience here and make sure you take home some happy memories!

Important Dates for 2010:

<i>19th April</i>	<i>Term 2 Starts</i>
<i>23rd April</i>	<i>Year 13 Special Awards Assembly</i>
<i>28th May</i>	<i>Interim Reports Issued for all Levels</i>
<i>7th June</i>	<i>Queen's Birthday Holiday</i>
<i>2nd July</i>	<i>Interim Reports Issued for all Levels</i>
<i>2nd July</i>	<i>Last Day Term 2</i>
<i>July Holidays</i>	<i>Approved School Tours – Bookings Essential</i>
<i>19th July</i>	<i>Term 3 Starts</i>
<i>20th August</i>	<i>Interim Reports Issued for Years 11, 12 & 13</i>
<i>24th September</i>	<i>Interim Reports Issued for Years 9 & 10</i>
<i>24th September</i>	<i>Last Day Term 3</i>
<i>September Holidays</i>	<i>Approved School Tours – Bookings Essential</i>
<i>11th October</i>	<i>Term 4 Starts</i>
<i>25th October</i>	<i>Labour Day Holiday</i>
<i>29th October</i>	<i>Full Reports Issued for Years 11 & 12</i>

4 th November	Full Reports Issued for Year 13
5 th November	Students in Years 11,12 & 13 finish for NCEA Study Leave
11 th November	NCEA Exams Start
1 st December	NCEA Exams Finish
9 th December	Full Reports Issued for Years 9 & 10
10 th December	Last Day Term 4

Term One Speaker Assembly Award Winners:

We are delighted to announce that the following international students received Special Awards at the Assemblies at the end of last term. Many of these students only started at Rangitoto College in February 2010. Congratulations to you all for a wonderful start to the year.

Year 10	Joochan Lee	Contribution to Learning in 10FE
Year 11	Da Jeong Kim	Award for Science
	Dahye Lee	Award for ESOL
	Ariane Marie	Award for Health/Physical Education
	Xiu Qi Pook	Award for ESOL
	Matt Worthington-Smith	Award for English
Year 12	Fengge (Maggie) Ji	Award for ESOL
	Lorena Herrmann	Award for Hospitality Industry Study
	Rui (Lesley) Liu	Award for 2 nd Language English
	Marie Lodde	Award for Practical Physical Education
	Pollowat Poonjiradejma	Award for Programming
	Pollowat Poonjiradejma	Award for Chemistry
	You-Chei (Aileen) Sung	Award for Design
	You-Chei (Aileen) Sung	Award for Graphics
	Daniel Vorndran	Award for English
	Daniel Vorndran	Award for Mathematics
Daniel Vorndran	Award for Physics	
Year 13	Felipe Gomes	Award for IELTS
	Felipe Gomes	Award for ESOL Level 2
	Masaki Hachiya	Award for Maths Intermediate Level 2
	Fengge (Maggie) Ji	Award for ESOL Level 1
	Jin Young Lee	Award for IELTS
	Boda Li	Award for Mathematics
	Daniel Safka	Award for Chemistry
	Julieta Vigliano	Award for Digital Image Photography
	Yitao Yan	Award for Chemistry
	Yitao Yan	Award for ESOL Level 2
Tianze (Terry) Zhang	Award for Maths Statistics	
Tianze (Terry) Zhang	Award for Chemistry	
Si Ja (Maggie) Zhong	Award for ESOL Level 2	

Tour Information:

We have many tours available for students to participate in. Rangitoto College works with a few different tour companies who offer supervised tours for one day up to a couple of weeks. There are tours available within the North Island, to the South Island and even overseas! We encourage our international students to go on one of these tours if possible because it is a great opportunity to have a look around our beautiful country and learn more about our culture.

Students interested in travelling need to come and see Diane in the international office. She will give them the information and also the paperwork which needs to be completed before we can approve their travel.

Now is probably a good time for students to start booking for travel in the July school holidays.

Online Visa Applications:

Rangitoto College is pleased to advise that we are now approved to provide international students with online visas. This is a faster and less expensive way of obtaining a student visa.

All the information is available from Diane in the international office.

Reminder about our New Banking Service:

Rangitoto College is now able to offer a new service to our international students.

Students who would like to have their own bank account can open one through Rangitoto College and it will be organized before they arrive in New Zealand. Parents will be able to deposit funds into the account before the students arrive in New Zealand and of course during the time the students are here.

When the students arrive we will issue them with their eftpos card. The students will be taken to the local branch of Bank of New Zealand so they can activate the account and put a password on the card. That's all they need to do!!!

We do urge that students have accounts so they do not have to carry large sums of money with them and it is much easier for insurance refunds etc. Having an eftpos card is far safer than carrying cash.

If your students are interested, please email Lynda on lynda@rangiworld.co.nz and she will attach a copy of the flyer about the account (Dynamic account – for students under 19 years of age) and an application form. All they need to do is complete the application form and send it to us and we will do the rest.

There are no fees on the Dynamic account.

That is about all for now

Kind regards

Robbie, Lynda, Diane, Lorraine, Nola & Beryl